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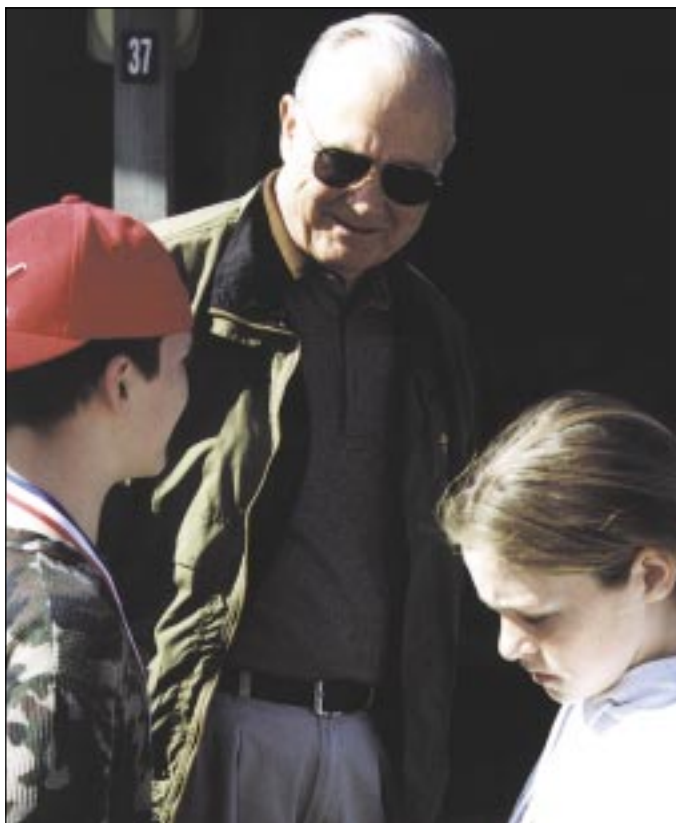
**R**ETIRED GEN H. Norman Schwarzkopf Jr., commander of all U.S. and Western coalition forces during the Gulf War, today works to raise money for numerous charitable organizations.

Schwarzkopf founded the Tampa, Fla.,-based company, Black Summit, 10 years ago, deriving the name from his own. “It’s a loose translation of the German ‘Schwarzkopf,’ which means black head, or black top,” he said. Employees at Black Summit basically handle scheduling aspects of his life.

“Privacy is a thing of the past for me,” said Schwarzkopf. “Everywhere I go people recognize me, but it’s given me a wonderful opportunity to play a major role in improving the quality of people’s lives.”

Among the many charities he supports is “Boggy Creek,” a Florida camp for seriously ill children, located near Orlando, which he cofounded with actor Paul Newman 10 years ago.

Schwarzkopf helped collect \$13 million for the “Miami Project,” a leading international research program in the areas of spinal cord and brain injury that’s affiliated with the University of Miami School of Medicine. And he co-chairs “Starbright” — an organization that develops new projects to improve the quality of life of seriously ill children and teens — with director Steven Spielberg.



**Schwarzkopf: After the Army, helping the world’s kids.**

Among its programs is an interactive computer network that allows hospitalized children across the nation to communicate with “a community of their peers,” to exchange stories about their illnesses and treatments, and to help each other cope, Schwarzkopf said. “The computer banks have been installed in 99 hospitals in the United States.” — Heike Hasenauer

**T**HE 37-foot sailboat *Endurance* “is big for a weekend pleasure boat, but small for a family of four,” according to 598th Transportation Group operations officer **CPT Bleu Hilburn**. He shipped the boat to the Netherlands as household goods when he learned he’d be stationed in the port city of Rotterdam, and the Army reimbursed him \$9,000 of the \$11,000 expense.

A 1992 Merchant Marine Academy graduate who sailed the North Sea as a cadet and a former member of an Army boat company, Hilburn plans to live on the boat moored at Rhoon Marina, 25 kilometers from work, with his wife, Nancy, and their 7-year-old daughter, Mecho, and 5-year-old son, Cofi, for three years.

To an outsider, it seems an unlikely goal.

The Hilburns have never lived on a boat before. “We sailed a little in Virginia,” Nancy said. “Going from sailing once or twice to living on a boat is interesting.”

“When we sail, the toys and books must be stored in the trunk of our car,” Bleu said. Otherwise, they’re located under the boat’s “living room” deck seats. Accommodations are tight, to say the least — a bunk for the kids, a bunk for the parents, a tiny “head,” a tiny cooking area and a tiny living room. The couple does the family laundry at the headquarters building.

“Being in such close quarters, without all kinds of ‘stuff’ around you, forces you to spend quality time together, and enjoy what’s available outside your home,” Nancy said.

Long-range plans for sailing across the Atlantic and taking smaller journeys to England, Norway and down the coast of France, fill some of the family’s leisure time. But mostly, they watch DVD movies on a computer screen and listen to the radio and books on tape. “We read more to the kids, too,” Nancy said, “and we take advantage of a swim club and sports center right across from the harbor.”

Socializing with about a half-dozen other couples who live in the marina — most of them retired Merchant Mariners who share tremendous knowledge of boats and the sea — is a pleasant pastime, Nancy said.

At the moment, they’re content with the lifestyle, Bleu said. “We’re not confined to the marina or dependent on other people to get around.” The family’s bikes are parked at the marina’s bike rack, and its two old cars are parked in the parking lot.

A diesel heater warms the boat, and there’s a hot plate for cooking and a freezer for food storage. “Because we have only one burner for cooking, we’ve



Heike Hasenauer

**The Hilburns: Living aboard in the Netherlands.**

simplified our meals," Nancy said. She often prepares stews and other one-pot meals accompanied by fresh salads and produce. "We take vitamin supplements, too, because we're very conscious about getting the vitamins we need.

"You adapt. You make the most of what's around you — that includes appreciating the people around you," Nancy said. "We can't go into town now without running into people we know." Much of it's due to Cofi's attendance at the local Dutch school, said Nancy, who accompanies him by bike to and from the school daily. The school bus picks up Mecho at the marina gate.

In a very short time, the pieces have fallen into place, Nancy said. "Initially, the transition from house to boat was most difficult for Cofi, who once had a room full of toys. Now, he plays with lots of toys in other people's homes. And he's satisfied with that.

"Now, he and his friends come here and play pirate on the boat. The boat is a big toy to him, and all his friends want to see it," Nancy said. — *Heike Hasenauer*

**S**IX retired Army generals, who held corps and division commands during the Gulf War, recently gathered at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., to participate in a senior leadership panel for the benefit of the academy's Class of 2001.

The seminar provided a forum in which the generals addressed potential ethical dilemmas prospective new leaders will encounter when they prepare for and conduct operations, said COL Mike Haith, director of the academy's Center for the Professional Military Ethic.

**GEN Frederick Franks**, VII Corps commander during Operation Desert Storm and the CPME's visiting chair, helped reunite **GEN John H. Tilelli Jr.** (Desert Storm 1st Cavalry Division commander); **LTG Paul E. Funk** (3rd Armored Div.); **LTG Ron Griffith** (1st Armd. Div.); **LTG James H. Johnson Jr.** (82nd Airborne Div.) and **LTG Thomas G. Rhame** (1st Infantry Div.).

Each commander spoke to successive groups of approximately 60 cadets about their experiences in the Gulf War, the role of a second lieutenant, and the

principles of leadership.

Franks said the CPME, besides teaching cadets what it means to be an Army officer, helps to develop cadets' understanding of themselves, "so they can continue developing their own professional military ethics throughout a lifetime and career in service to the nation."

"The focus is not solely on cadets," said Haith. "Part of CPME's charter is to promote its concepts across the Army."

USMA officials and others are currently planning how to do that. Incorporating the concepts Armywide could be done by promoting writing awards, both at West Point and at various Army schools, Haith said.

Franks said he hopes similar seminars can be held each semester at West Point, and he plans to encourage other commissioning sources to meet at the acad-



Jim Fox

**Desert Storm generals at West Point: Funk (center) emphasizes a point while Franks and USMA senior cadets listen.**

emy in the future.

Cadet 1st Class Kelly Green, the academic officer for her cadet company, said she was glad that CPME organized an event that brought so much experience from the Army to West Point.

"To hear these real-life generals was touching," Green said. "They should do it every year. It is well worth it." — *Jim Fox, USMA Public Affairs Office*

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